## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of		)
	Devin Leake, et al.	)
Serial No.:	10/551,350	Art Unit Unknown
Filed:	October 19, 2006	) )
For:	MODIFIED POLLYNUCLEOTIDES FOR USE IN RNA INTERFERENCE	) ) )
Confirmation No.:	3238	)
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Examiner:	Unknown	) )

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.